



NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

UPDATED MATRIX OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS
IDENTIFIED AT THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE¹

Addendum

1. Following the request by the Seventy-Third Session of the Executive Council (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), the Director-General herewith submits an addendum to the matrix document, which is based on the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013).
2. This addendum includes only the new developments on the actionable items identified by the Third Review Conference, as well as the documents issued since the last updated matrix, contained in EC-79/S/3 (dated 11 June 2015). The cut-off date for this document is 19 August 2015.

Annexes (English only):

- Annex 1: Update to the Matrix of Actionable Items as Contained in EC-79/S/3 (Dated 11 June 2015)
- Annex 2: List of Reference Documents

¹ Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



Annex 1

UPDATE TO THE MATRIX OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS AS CONTAINED IN EC-79/S/3 (DATED 11 JUNE 2015)

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster ² / Facilitation	Follow-up/Updates	History of Recommendations ³
Part A: Political Declaration				
9.17	Intention to keep ... declarations (mentioned in paras 9.3 to 9.16) under review at each regular session of the Conference of the States Parties	n/a	Council and Conference to review; States Parties to take action, as required; Secretariat to take action, as required Para 7 of EC-79/6, dated 9 July 2015	

² Cluster I: Chemical Weapons Issues; Cluster II: Chemical Industry and Other Article VI Issues; Cluster III: Administrative and Financial Issues; Cluster IV: Legal, Organisational and Other Issues.

³ The reference to “Issues under Regular Consultation and Outstanding Issues on the Agenda of the Executive Council” (EC-80/INF.1, dated 10 September 2015) is included if the issue is already on the agenda of the Executive Council.

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster ² / Facilitation	Follow-up/Updates	History of Recommendations ³
Part B: Review of the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention as Provided for in Paragraph 22 of Article VIII, Taking into Account any Relevant Scientific and Technological Developments				
The Role of the Chemical Weapons Convention in Enhancing International Peace and Security and in Achieving the Objectives as Set Forth in the Preamble of the Convention				
9.37	Reaffirmed the importance of the Action Plan on Universality (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003) and the subsequent decisions of the Conference to regularly review the results and implementation of it and to take any decision it deems necessary addressing, in particular, the status of those States not Party whose non-adherence is a cause for serious concern	Cluster IV (universality facilitation)	Conference and Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action Address to the Council by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, informing the Council of the deposition with the United Nations of Myanmar's instrument of ratification of the Convention (para 5.2 of EC-79/6); S/1304/2015, dated 13 August 2015	EC-M-23/DEC.3; C-16/DEC.16, dated 2 December 2011 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.5 of Annex 1)

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9.39(b)	Requested the States Parties to intensify further their efforts with all States not Party to encourage them to ratify or accede to the Convention at the earliest, with a view to achieving full universality	Cluster IV (universality facilitation)	<p>States Parties to take action</p> <p>On 21 April 2015, the National Assembly of Angola passed a resolution approving Angola's accession to the Convention. The Secretariat has been informed that Angola has since commenced the preparation of an instrument of accession, to be deposited with the United Nations Secretary-General.</p> <p>In June 2015, the Secretariat was informed that the Foreign Minister of South Sudan had signed a letter of succession to the Convention. The Secretariat, alongside several States Parties, has encouraged South Sudan to deposit the letter with the United Nations Secretary-General at the earliest opportunity.</p>	Para 9.18 of RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008; C-16/DEC.16 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.5 of Annex 1)
General Obligations and Declarations Related Thereto				
9.44(b)	Requested the Secretariat to deploy continued efforts in support of those States Parties and to keep the Council informed of progress in the preparation and submission of Article III initial declarations	Cluster I	<p>Secretariat to continue to take action</p> <p>EC-79/P/S/1, dated 1 July 2015</p>	Para 9.23 of RC-2/4

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Destruction of Chemical Weapons, Including Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council Decisions on Destruction-Related Issues				
9.62(b)	Requested the Conference and the Council to continue to keep under review and oversee the completion of destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and, in this regard, underlined the importance of continuing to receive the Director-General's confirmation that the necessary measures are being undertaken by the possessor States concerned to meet the planned completion dates for their destruction activities	Cluster I	Conference and Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action EC-79/DG.18*, dated 1 July 2015; EC-79/DG.8, dated 22 May 2015; EC-79/DG.15, dated 23 June 2015; EC-80/DG.2, dated 23 July 2015	C-16/DEC.11
9.62(c)	Encouraged the Director-General to continue consulting with the possessor States concerned in order to continue improving the reporting that is required from the States Parties concerned ... requested that future reporting by the possessor States concerned , on the basis of C-16/DEC.11, continue to contain information on the progress achieved to meet the planned completion date by which the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons is to be completed	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action; Possessor States Parties to continue to take action EC-79/P/NAT.4, dated 10 June 2015; EC-79/NAT.2, dated 11 June 2015; EC-79/NAT.4, dated 26 June 2015; EC-79/P/NAT.2, dated 15 May 2015; EC-79/P/NAT.3, dated 15 June 2015; EC-80/P/NAT.1, dated 15 July 2015; EC-80/P/NAT.2, dated 18 August 2015	C-16/DEC.11

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9.62(d)	Requested the Director-General to continue to provide a written report to the Council and the Conference	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action EC-79/DG.11, dated 29 May 2015; EC-79/DG.8; EC-79/DG.15; EC-79/DG.17, dated 29 June 2015	C-16/DEC.11; EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012; EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013; EC-M-34/DEC.1, dated 15 November 2013
9.62(f)	Urged the relevant States Parties to continue to make the fullest possible efforts to complete destruction of abandoned chemical weapons as soon as possible in accordance with the Council decision (EC-67/DEC.6) and encouraged continued cooperation between relevant States Parties to that effect	Cluster I	Relevant States Parties to continue to take action EC-79/NAT.5*, dated 18 June 2015; EC-79/NAT.3, dated 17 June 2015; EC-79/4, dated 9 July 2015; Paras 6.14 and 6.15 of EC-79/6	Para 9.37 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section I.2 of Annex 1)
Destruction or Conversion of Chemical Weapons Production Facilities				
Verification Activities of the OPCW				
9.71	Recognised the continued need for the OPCW to have up-to-date verification technologies at its disposal , and encouraged the Secretariat to continue to work with States Parties that wish to familiarise themselves with approved verification equipment	Clusters II and IV	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered) S/1303/2015, dated 13 August 2015	C-I/DEC.71*, dated 30 November 2010

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9.73	Requested the Secretariat to continue engaging States Parties in demonstrating the site-selection random processes and procedures in an effort to increase transparency and confidence	Cluster II (Industry Cluster facilitation)	S/1240/15, dated 6 February 2015	(EC-80/INF.1, Section II.6 of Annex 2)
9.79(a)	Requested the Secretariat to assist National Authorities, upon request, in building up and improving their capacity to fulfil their obligations under the verification regime , including in fulfilling their declaration obligations	Clusters II and IV (Industry Cluster and Article VII facilitations)	Secretariat to continue to take action Secretariat activities: - Training course for National Authorities on Article VI declarations (S/1286/2015, dated 5 June 2015); - Training course for National Authorities on escorts for inspections to be held at the end of September 2015 at OPCW HQ (S/1289/2015, dated 12 June 2015); - The Secretariat developed six e-learning modules to assist States Parties with declaration obligations and verification activities. These modules were made available to States Parties in the first quarter of 2015.	Para 9.45 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.79(b)	Encouraged States Parties' National Authorities in a position to do so, to submit declarations in an electronic form, and further requested the Secretariat to continue providing States Parties with appropriate training and assistance to enable them to submit declarations in an electronic form	Clusters II and IV (Industry Cluster and Article VII facilitations)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action Secretariat activities included the continuation of its efforts to	Paras 9.46 and 9.67(b) of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1)

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			<p>promote the use of the secure information exchange (SIX) system by providing support to interested States Parties in setting up the new system, including an e-learning module on SIX, and will continue to expand the use of the system in terms of types of confidential information exchanged.</p> <p>Verification Division: - EDNA⁴ support is being provided to States Parties and a new version of EDNA is being finalised. The new release will be available in time for the ADPA⁵ round for 2016. The impact of this system, and the experiences of the States Parties with regard to its use, will be discussed during the Annual Meeting of National Authorities and other relevant events; EC-79/WP.2, dated 7 July 2015</p>	

⁴ EDNA = Electronic declarations tool for National Authorities.

⁵ ADPA = annual declarations on past activities.

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9.79(f)	Encouraged the Director-General to continue to render specialised advice to the policy-making organs and States Parties in the areas of science and technology relevant to the Convention on the basis of advice from the SAB ⁶	Clusters I and II (chemical weapons and Industry Cluster facilitations)	Secretariat to continue to take action SAB-22/WP.2/Rev.1, dated 10 June 2015	Subpara 21(h) of Article VIII of the Convention (EC-80/INF.1, Section II.1(ii) of Annex 2)
Activities Not Prohibited Under the Chemical Weapons Convention				
9.84	While noting that some States Parties have not yet submitted their initial declarations, recognised the need for a tailor-made assistance approach to improve the status of submission of declarations	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action Secretariat activities: - Basic course for personnel of National Authorities, OPCW HQ, March and September 2015; - Tailor-made technical assistance provided through bilateral contacts with States Parties that have not yet submitted their initial declarations	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.93	Encouraged the cluster on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues to consult on the ways to reconcile such discrepancies	Cluster II (Industry Cluster facilitation)	Council to take action; Facilitation to be determined; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist Secretariat activities: - Basic course for National	Para 9.71 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section II.2(ii) of Annex 2)

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SAB = Scientific Advisory Board.

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			<p>Authorities involved in the implementation of the Convention, OPCW HQ, March 2015;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional advanced training course for representatives of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia, Saudi Arabia, February 2015; - Regional meetings of National Authorities of: Eastern Europe, May 2015; Africa, June 2015; Asia, May 2015; GRULAC⁷, June 2015; - Training course for National Authorities of States Parties involved in fulfilling Article VI declaration requirements, Qatar, February 2015; - Subregional training course for customs authorities in Asia (Qatar) in February 2015; in Africa (Senegal) in March 2015; EC-79/WP.1, dated 7 July 2015; EC-79/WP.2 	

⁷ GRULAC = Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

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9.95(a)	Called upon those States Parties that have not yet submitted their initial declarations to do so as soon as possible	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist: Same as for item 9.84 Contact States Parties with long outstanding initial declarations through various means. In 2015 one initial declaration was received from a State Party. Myanmar to submit its initial declaration by 6 September 2015	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.95(b)	Called upon States Parties that have not yet implemented the decision on guidelines regarding low-concentration limits for declarations of Schedule 2A and 2A* chemicals to take necessary measures to expedite its implementation	Cluster II (Industry Cluster facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist Assistance provided through presentations and discussions conducted at relevant events, listed in 9.93 Secretariat to continue to assist with the following activities: - Regional training courses for customs authorities in Asia (S/1287/2015, dated 5 June 2015); Eastern Europe (S/1285/2015, dated 5 June 2015); and GRULAC (S/1299/2015, dated 24 July 2015): Article VI declarations training	C-14/DEC.4. dated 2 December 2009 (EC-80/INF.1, Section II.2 of Annex 2)

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			(February 2015). Reminder letter (e-mail) was sent to 154 States Parties (on 6 May 2015) to respond to S/1213/2014 (fourth survey on implementation of decision C-14/DEC.4)	
9.95(c)	Urged States Parties to ensure that declarations are submitted in a timely, complete and accurate manner , consistent with the provisions of the Convention, making use of the Secretariat's resources, as appropriate	Clusters II and IV (Industry Cluster and Article VII facilitations)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist S/1288/2015, dated 12 June 2015; Paras 6.27 and 6.28 of EC-79/6; Para 5.2 of EC-79/DG.13, dated 11 June 2015, stating "For ADPA 2014, there was a significant increase in the number and percentage of submissions received on time, with 75 (85%) out of 88 States Parties submitting their ADPA on time, compared to 71 (78%) out of 91 for ADPA 2013. This is the highest number and percentage of declarations submitted on time since 1997" Assistance provided through presentations and discussions conducted at relevant events listed in 9.93	(EC-80/INF.1, Section II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1)

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9.95(d)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to provide technical assistance to States Parties for the receipt of OPCW inspections, and other technical questions that may arise in the implementation of provisions related to activities not prohibited under the Convention	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action Secretariat activities: - Training course for National Authorities on training escorts for inspections, OPCW HQ, September 2015	Para 9.59 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.95(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop and periodically update existing databases on declarable chemicals , which facilitate the identification of such chemicals	Cluster II	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered) In 2015 the Secretariat developed the updated Handbook on Chemicals (2014), which reflects all changes made to the previous version of the Handbook (2009), and made it available as an Excel file on the OPCW website.	Para 9.61 of RC-2/4
National Implementation Measures				
9.103(b)	Encouraged the States Parties which are yet to fulfil their obligations under Article VII to engage with the Secretariat on the steps that need to be undertaken for the national implementation of the Convention	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist Secretariat activities: - Eight internship programmes for legal drafters and National Authority representatives organised at OPCW HQ in September and November	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)

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			2013, in February, May, October, and December 2014, and in February and June 2015; - Continued consultation with National Authorities at regional and annual meetings in 2015; - Workshop for National Authorities and representatives of Ministries of Defence from African States Parties, March 2015	
9.103(c)	Encouraged the Secretariat to explore innovative methods of providing assistance on tailor-made approaches as a potential means to further advance the implementation of Article VII	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to take action National Authority mentorships (two in 2015)	C-14/DEC.12 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat, in concert with the SAB temporary working group on education and outreach, to assist States Parties, upon request, in implementing education and outreach activities , including by disseminating materials, conducting workshops and regional meetings	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat activities: Briefing by the Secretariat at EC-79 on ongoing and planned awareness-raising, education and outreach activities (paras 9.1 and 9.2 of EC-79/6); EC-79/S/2, dated 10 June 2015 Regional meetings on education and outreach for Asian States Parties in May 2015 and for GRULAC States Parties in June 2016, as well as an inspection escorts workshop for Myanmar and Angola, June 2015.	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)

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9.103(f)	Encouraged the Secretariat to develop, within existing resources, activities that will enhance South-South, regional, and subregional cooperation, as well as special programmes towards the full implementation of Article VII	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to take action S/1280/2015, dated 26 May 2015	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(g)	Encouraged States Parties and the Secretariat to continue to consult in order to enhance further the utility and effectiveness of all implementation-support programmes , and requested the Secretariat to evaluate these programmes and report to the Council	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action Secretariat activities: Paras 6.29 and 6.30 of EC-79/6	Para 9.79 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(j)	Encouraged States Parties in a position to do so to continue to enhance their practical support for the implementation of Article VII obligations by those States Parties so requested	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist Secretariat activities: - States Parties interested in mentoring and being mentored under the Mentorship Programme requested to express their interest. - Mentorships conducted between Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic, and Brazil and Sao Tome in 2015. - Two more mentorships are planned for 2015.	C-14/DEC.12 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)

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Consultations, Cooperation, and Fact-Finding				
9.111(c)	Requested the Secretariat to keep the Council informed about its readiness and to report any problems that may arise in relation to maintaining the necessary level of readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action EC-79/DG.12, dated 3 June 2015; Para 6.35 of EC-79/6	Para 9.90 of RC-2/4
Assistance and Protection Against Chemical Weapons				
9.118(a)	Encouraged the Secretariat to take measures to further strengthen its capacity to respond promptly to requests for assistance under Article X and to investigate the alleged use of chemical weapons, including developing capabilities to undertake biomedical sampling and analysis	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered); S/1281/2015, dated 1 June 2015	(EC-80/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(c)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts for capacity building at the regional and subregional level and to make better use of regional and subregional capacities and expertise for providing assistance to States Parties upon request; and called on States Parties in the regions and subregions concerned to cooperate closely and to participate in joint exercises and training programmes	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; States Parties to take action S/1277/2015, dated 18 May 2015; S/1278/2015, dated 20 May 2015; S/1282/2015, dated 1 June 2015.	(EC-80/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(h)	Requested the Secretariat to review and keep up to date the OPCW data bank on protection, its current lists of experts, both within the Secretariat and from States Parties (including those listed in paragraph 7 of Part XI of the Verification Annex and those in the Protection Network)	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action Para 6.31 of EC-79/6 EC-79/S/5, dated 17 June 2015	Paras 9.98 and 9.99 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster ² / Facilitation	Follow-up/Updates	History of Recommendations ³
9.118(k)	Encouraged the OPCW to engage in more active involvement and participation of relevant civil society organisations and chemical industry associations in the assistance and protection programmes	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action by way of education and outreach side events involving civil society organisations and chemical industry associations S/1293/2015, dated 1 July 2015	(EC-80/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
Economic and Technological Development				
9.122	While noting States Parties' scientific and technological cooperation in the peaceful uses of chemistry on a non-discriminatory basis, the Third Review Conference called upon all States Parties to facilitate and enhance such cooperation	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to take action Secretariat activities: - Analytical skills development courses in cooperation with States Parties; - Analytical chemistry course (English and French) in Tunisia for African States Parties (S/1295/2015, dated 7 July 2015);	Para 9.118 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)

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9.126	Encouraged the promotion of a safety and security culture regarding chemical facilities and of transportation of toxic chemicals	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered); States Parties to take action S/1105/2013, dated 14 June 2013; S/1257/2015, dated 13 March 2015; S/1275/2015, dated 13 May 2015 Secretariat activities: As per 9.79(e) as set out above	(EC-79/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(b)	Called upon States Parties to fully implement the provisions of Article XI , and encouraged States Parties to continue supporting the activities under Article XI, including through voluntary contributions	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action Paras 17.1 to 17.4 of C-18/5 All Secretariat programmes with voluntary contributions from the European Union, Germany, Norway, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, and the United States of America, as well as in-kind contributions from several other States Parties	Para 9.114 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)

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9.131(c)	Encouraged the Council to continue the ongoing facilitation process in order to deliberate and explore, as appropriate, additional measures within an agreed framework to ensure the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of Article XI	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist Para 6.34 of EC-79/6	Para 9.114 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(g)	Encouraged the Secretariat and States Parties to consider augmenting programmes to assist States Parties, upon request, in maintaining and developing their analytical skills and laboratory capabilities in support of National Authorities	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; States Parties to take action S/1283/2015, dated 4 June 2015	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(k)	Encouraged the States Parties and the Secretariat to promote the OPCW's role as a platform for voluntary consultation and cooperation among States Parties in the areas of chemical safety and security, including through the exchanges of information and best practices, and to support national capacity building, upon request	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action Secretariat actions: CSS ⁸ management workshops/seminars were held in the following countries in 2015 through voluntary contributions from the EU, Germany, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, and the United States of America: Germany, Qatar, Viet Nam	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)

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CSS = chemical safety and security.

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9.131(l)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop relations and partnerships as appropriate with relevant regional and international organisations, as well as chemical industry associations, the private sector, academia, and civil society, in order to raise awareness of the Article XI activities of the OPCW	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action through all Article XI programmes Engagement with chemical industry associations Paras 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3 of EC-79/6; EC-79/DG.11; S/1293/2015	Subpara 9.116(h) of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(q)	Undertake to review their existing national regulations in the field of trade in chemicals in order to render them consistent with the object and purpose of the Convention	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action Secretariat activities: - Ten training courses conducted for customs authorities of States Parties: Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and GRULAC in 2014 and 2015; - Four internships for legal drafters in 2014 and two in 2015	(EC-80/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)

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The Protection of Confidential Information				
9.136(d)	Encouraged the Secretariat and the Council to complete the ongoing work on the issue of developing and implementing guidelines regarding the long-term handling of confidential information	Cluster III (confidentiality issues facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action Proposal for retention of classified records and schedule implementation expected by the end of the last quarter of 2015. For all issues related to handling confidential information, the Council may consider establishing facilitation	Para 9.125 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section III.4 of Annex 2)
The General Functioning of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons				
9.145	While reaffirming the autonomous and independent status of the OPCW, while bearing in mind that the OPCW is not an anti-terrorism organisation, took cognisance of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on combating terrorism and, with a view to enabling States Parties that seek international cooperation in the context of their national, regional, and subregional efforts, underscored the need to explore further cooperation on this issue and build on existing work with relevant international organisations and international bodies that deal with the potential threats of chemical terrorism	OEWG ⁹ on Terrorism	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action Para 17.1 of EC-79/6	(EC-80/INF.1, Annex 1)

⁹ OEWG = open-ended working group.

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9.146	Noted the relevance of the Council decision of 2001 (EC-XXVII/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2001) ... further encouraged the OEWG to continue to fulfil its mandate	OEWG on Terrorism	Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action The OEWG on Terrorism held a meeting on 6 July 2015; Non-papers uploaded on 8 August 2015; S/1291/2015, dated 26 June 2015	EC-XXVII/DEC.5; Para 9.137 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Annex 1)
9.155(c)	Encouraged States Parties and the Secretariat to continue to keep the convergence of chemistry and biology under review , including through the SAB temporary working group on the convergence of chemistry and biology, and encouraged greater interaction between relevant experts	Cluster III	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action SAB-22/1, dated 21 July 2015	
9.155(f)	Requested the Director-General to continue to report regularly to the Council on the continued implementation of the tenure policy , including the implications for the OPCW's effectiveness and efficiency and any limited exceptions to the normal policy that may be necessary on these grounds	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action Para 11.8 of EC-79/6	EC-M-22/DEC.1, dated 28 March 2003; Para 9.139 of RC-2/4

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9.14 and 9.155(h)	<p>Commitment that the OPCW remain the global repository of knowledge and expertise on the implementation of the Convention and their desire that the Technical Secretariat present proposals for ensuring continuity in its knowledge base and expertise (Part A: Political Declaration)</p> <p>Stressed that the OPCW should remain the global repository of knowledge and expertise with regard to chemical weapons disarmament, the verification of their non-possession and non-use, and their destruction, and requested the Secretariat to identify and implement ways of ensuring continuity in its knowledge base and expertise in these areas</p>	Cluster IV	<p>Conference and Council to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)</p> <p>S/1276/2015, dated 18 May 2015</p>	
9.155(k)	<p>Encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to be more compact, flexible, and efficient, optimising its use of human and financial resources while ensuring that sufficient resources are available to support the effective implementation of the Convention, and to keep the Council regularly informed of progress via the annual Budget process</p>	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	<p>Secretariat to continue to take action</p> <p>S/1292/2015, dated 30 June 2015</p>	Para 9.143 of RC-2/4 (EC-80/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.155(l)	<p>Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its work</p>	Cluster III	<p>Report to EC-79 on the status of implementation of the enterprise-resource-planning system (EC-79/DG.9, dated 1 June 2015) ; Para 11.6 of EC-79/6</p>	

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster ² / Facilitation	Follow-up/Updates	History of Recommendations ³
9.155(n)	Encouraged the Secretariat and the States Parties to improve interaction with the chemical industry, the scientific community, academia, and civil society organisations engaged in issues relevant to the Convention, and encouraged the Secretariat and States Parties to develop a more open approach , in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the policy-making organs with regard to such interaction	Cluster III	States Parties to take action Secretariat actions to date as per 9.155(d) Engagement with chemical industry associations S/1293/2015	Para 9.136 of RC-2/4

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